

## **DIVISION OF HEALTH FACILITIES EVALUATION AND LICENSURE**

### **Office of Certificate of Need and Healthcare Facility Licensure**

#### **Notice of Postponement of the General Certificate of Need Call for Applications for New General Hospitals; Notice of Invitation for Certificate of Need Applications for a Proposed New General Hospital to Serve Bergen County**

**TAKE NOTICE THAT**, in accordance with [N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1](#) et seq., the Department of Health and Senior Services (Department) hereby publishes notice that, pursuant to P.L. 1998, c. 43 (codified at [N.J.S.A. 26:2H-7c](#)) and certificate of need administrative rules at [N.J.A.C. 8:33](#), the certificate of need call for new general hospitals scheduled to take place on April 1, 2011 in accordance with [N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1\(a\)2](#) (see [34 N.J.R. 2814\(a\)](#)) is hereby cancelled. In lieu of the April 1, 2011 general call for proposed new general hospitals, the Department is providing notice of a limited certificate of need call as described below.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-8, N.J.A.C. 8:33-1 et seq., and N.J.A.C. 8:43G-1.1 et seq., the Department hereby publishes notice that it is inviting certificate of need applications on a full review basis for a proposed new general hospital to serve Bergen County. The Department is initiating this call because a petitioner has presented documentation indicating that there may be a potential need for a new general hospital in this area of approximately 125 beds. As set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:33-1.1 et seq., certificate of need applications for the establishment of a proposed new general hospital will be accepted for processing in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.5.

The submission of certificate of need applications is limited to those entities that are proposing a new general hospital to serve Bergen County. A maximum of one new general hospital may be considered for approval pursuant to this call. **Issuance of this call does not constitute a finding of need by the Department for any new general hospital affected by the call, and the Department reserves the right to disapprove all applications submitted in response to the call if the Department determines that they have not satisfactorily demonstrated need or otherwise comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 26:2H-8, N.J.A.C. 8:43G-1.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 8:33-1.1 et seq.**

Each applicant shall demonstrate in its application:

1. Compliance with N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.4(a) that it has or will have control or authority over the proposed location of a new general hospital;
2. That it will enhance and increase physician education and retention in New Jersey and provide additional residency slots;
3. That the project will enhance quality of care and promote integration within the overall system of service provided in Bergen County;
4. That it has the ability to license the project within two years of any certificate of need approval; and
5. That it will limit its total number of licensed beds and bassinets to the lowest number of beds and bassinets required to meet the need identified in its application.

The Department also invites existing New Jersey general hospitals to file a written submission with the Department in response to any submitted certificate of need applications that have been deemed complete in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.5. Copies of the submitted certificate of need applications may be obtained upon request for a government record from the Office of Certificate of Need and Healthcare Facility Licensure Program at the address listed below. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-8 and N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.9(a), a written submission filed by an alternative provider may address the proposed new hospital's anticipated impact on the delivery and quality of care of health care services provided by the alternative provider in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 26:2H-8, and may also document the impact of technological and/or medical advances on the future need for acute care services in Bergen County.

No later than 45 days prior to the State Health Planning Board meeting date, thirty-five (35) copies of the written submissions filed by affected facilities should be submitted to the Certificate of Need and Acute Care Licensure Program at the address listed below.

Certificate of need applications (35 copies) shall be filed in accordance with the Certificate of Need Application and Review Process, N.J.A.C. 8:33, and shall be in compliance with all statutory provisions and applicable certificate of need and licensing rules and regulations.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:33-1.2(d), certificate of need applications shall be reviewed for conformity with the rules in effect on the date the certificate of need application is deemed complete for processing.



The Department made this Call Notice available via legal notice in a New Jersey newspaper of general circulation and the Department's web site 30 days prior to the publication in the New Jersey Register.

**Geographic areas to be served:** Bergen County.

**Date application is due:** June 1, 2011

**Date completeness review decision anticipated:** August 6, 2011

**Date State Health Planning Board scheduled to review applications and submit recommendations to the Commissioner:** On or before November 3, 2011.

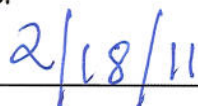
Application forms are available on the Department's website at

[www.state.nj.us/health/healthfacilities/forms.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/health/healthfacilities/forms.shtml) or may be requested from the following:

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